Congressman Jesse L. Jackson Jr. issued the following statement today following the Hurricane Katrina disaster in the Gulf Coast states.

"The death, devastation and destruction left in the wake of Hurricane Katrina has moved every American. During these trying times, my thoughts and prayers go out to all those who are suffering in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida," Jackson said.

"As a member of the Appropriations Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives, I urge Congress to reconvene immediately. I am prepared to work with my colleagues to pass an Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill to ameliorate the suffering of Hurricane Katrina's victims."